

Summary of Salvage Operation 11/23/87 - 12/3/87

Area	Unit	Lot #	Feature
IVB	S 225/E 292	10 553	N 1/2 571
IVB	S 225/E 292	10 555	N 1/2 571A
IVB	S 225/E 294	10 621	E 1/2 573
IVC	S 227/E 294	10 557	E 1/2 574
IVC	S 227/E 294	10 565	S 1/2 575
IVB	S 225/E 296	10, 558 10, 568	581

Introduction

The last phase of excavations in Areas IVB and IVC involved the removal of all historic strata, by back hoe, down to subsoil. The purpose of this operation was to expose such features that may have been present along the periphery of the main areas of investigation. The objective was to locate a "break" or gap in the distribution of pit features or to expose some sort of cultural boundary such as a "ha-ha" or fence. It was anticipated that a break in the distribution of features or a ditch or fence line would confirm that the areas of investigation corresponded with historical activity areas.

Between 30 and 50 centimeters were removed by the backhoe, see profiles of balks for descriptions of strata removed by backhoe.

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The backhoe stripped unexcavated sections of Areas II B and IV C. Time constraints did not allow for investigation of all of the areas that were stripped. Two sections were chosen for testing: a two-plus meter swath south of the S227 grime line and a 6x6 meter block delimited by the grid coordinates S223 to S229 / E290 to E296. The former expanded the exposure south of the cellar pit and the line of post features just outside of the cellar. It extended from the c. E272 point to E296. Time and manpower allowed for the excavation of features within six 2x2 m squares within this Swath (see accompanying map). The second area chosen for testing was located east of grid line E290 and expanded the exposure in what has been called the east side yard. This block connected the previously excavated areas with the back hoe trench designated E296 and provided a continuous exposure from the cellar to the principal portion of Area II B.

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In all 60 square meters of the sections stripped by the backhoe were investigated. This consisted of shoveling and troweling the areas down to subsoil to expose features that were excavated into the subsoil. Two by two meter units were strung and features within the 2x2's mapped (see accompanying map).

Once again time constraints prevented all of the exposed features from being tested. Primary attention was given to those features which appeared to align with one another or with previously excavated features.

The features summarized here were located in the 6x6 block which encompassed sections of Areas IVB and IVC (IVC = units S. of S225; IVB = Units E of E290 and N of S225)

Summary Observations

Eleven features were identified within the 6x6 block. Time and available personnel allowed for the excavation of 5 of these eleven.

The datum point for elevations was S225/E292 at 56.66m.s. This point was 15 cms above the exposed surface at S225/E292. Prior to excavation the

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balk that had been left for profiling was drawn and removed by hand. This balk was located at approx. E 290 to E 290.5 and S 296 to S 293. Surface elevations for the area before stripping can be extrapolated from this profile and whatever topographic mapping that was conducted in the general vicinity.

Five pit features were tested. With the exception of F581 the features were bi-sected only.

F. 571: large hole (c. 1.2m), ovoid with mold which measured 2.8 inches at base. Mold disturbed. Post may have been pulled. White salt glazed found in hole. This pit/mold aligns very well with F520 immediately north. ctr. of 571 = E 291.2; ctr. of 520 = E 291.3. Btmm elev for 571 = 55.74 m. asl.; Btmm elev for 520 = 55.85 m asl. Sloping sides basin shaped bottom.

F. 573 connected to F571 via a trench like feature that may be root run or Krotovina. Well formed

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F573 mold measured c. 4 inches at base.
Probably rotted *in situ*. Stain marking
feature very diffuse. May have been
two molds (serially or concurrently?)
Hole shallower with slightly sloping
walls and flatish bottom.

F574 Pit feature with no discernible mold.
Fill contained white salt glazed
Stoneware (and other ceramics). Hole
"stepped walled", flat bottom. Large
surface stain ^{ovoid} \approx 120 x 100 cms)
diffused. Hole somewhat smaller.

F575 Pit feature with no discernible mold.
Irregular stain. Hole had slightly
sloping walls and a flat bottom.
Fill contained white salt glazed stone-
ware.

F581 Pit feature with no discernible mold.
Surface stain irregular and connected
to surface stain associated w/ F573.
Tree removed from within stained area of
F581. Upon excavation stain resolved
into pit feature with sloping sides

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F581 flat bottom. Fill contained delft and porcelain but no white salt glazed.

Bottom elev.	Sides/bottom
571 - 55.74	sloping / basin
573 - 56.24	slight slope / flatish
574 - 56.31	"stepped" / flat
575 - 56.23	slight slope / flat
581 - 56.06	sloping / flat

Interpretations

Location and depth of hole strongly suggests that Fs 520 and 571 are affiliated (note: F520 recorded elsewhere). With the amount of disturbance in other areas of the lot it is difficult to say whether any of the other features are associated with one another.

The presence of white salt glazed shards in Fs. 571, 574, and 575 indicates some mid 18th century activity in the area.

F 571 may be associated with F 368. That is, it was pretty well aligned. The features reported here need to be incorporated into the site plan to determine alignments.

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AREAS II B and II C

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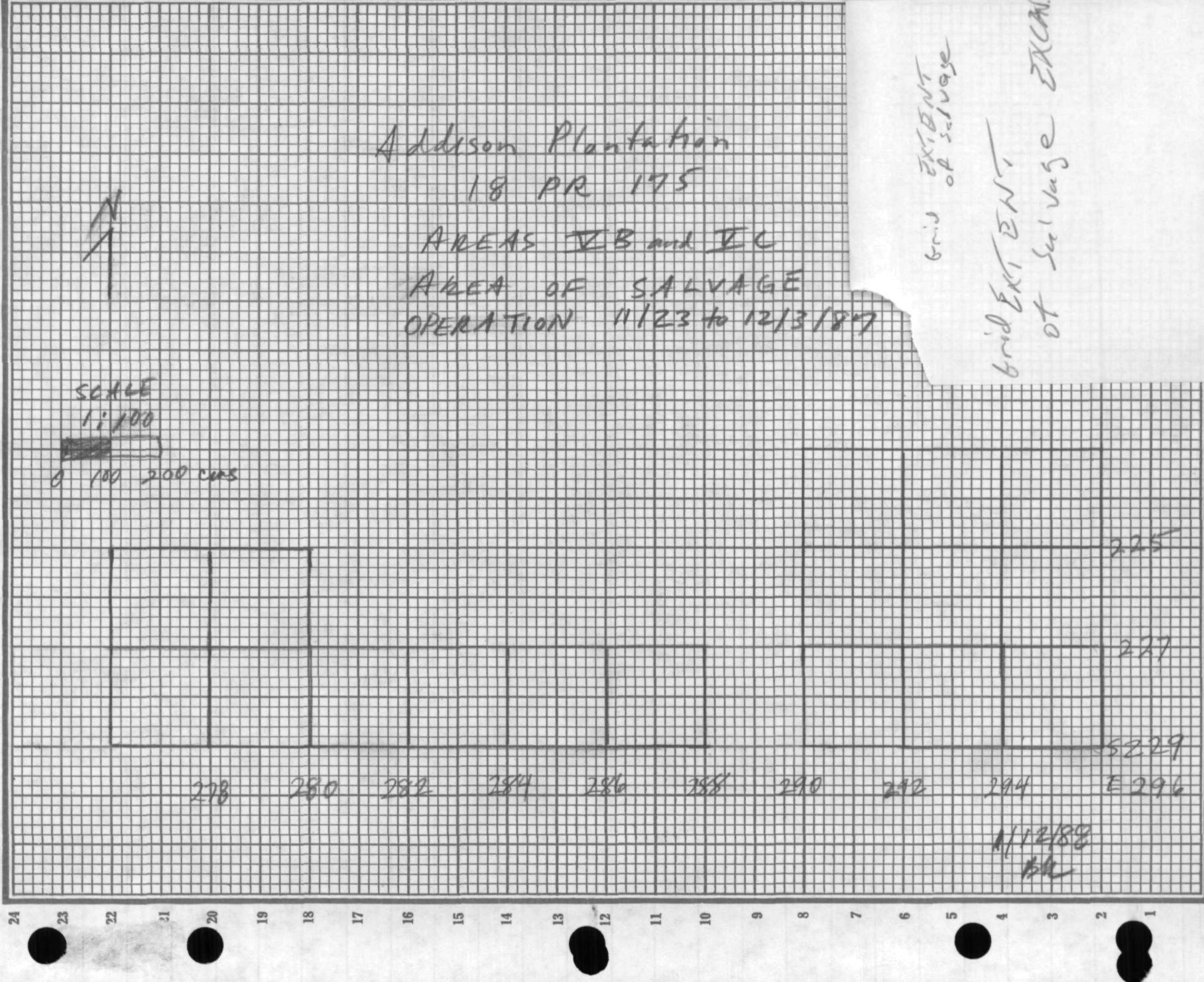
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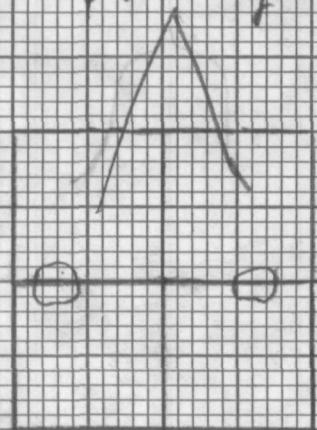
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IN AREAS II B and II C

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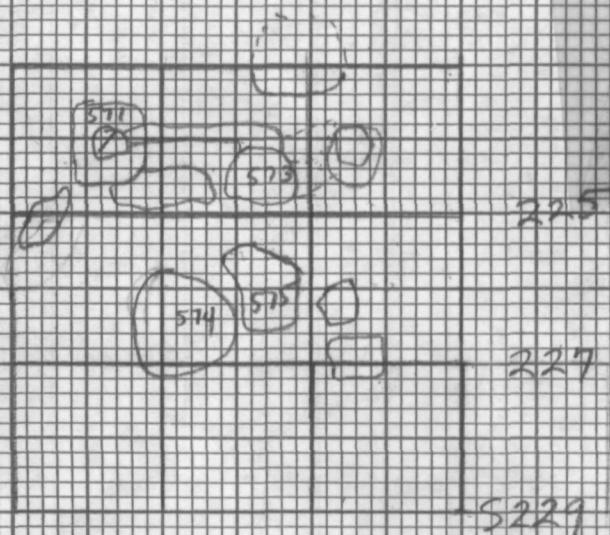
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FEATURES EXPOSED
BY BACKHOE

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Plan View,
Features 570, 571, 572 & 573

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poss. post hole

fea. 573
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poss. post
hole

poss.
tree
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Area	Unit(s)	Layer	Lot #	Feature #
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IVc	227/278	A	10,100	-
"	227/278	230/B	10,101	-
"	227/276	230/B	10,102	-

IVc	227/276-278	M	10,006	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 533
"	" " "	N	10,019	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 533

IVc	227 /278	M	10,046	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 534
"	227 /278	M	10,047	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 534A

IVc	227-229/278 -		10,602	N $\frac{1}{2}$ 607
"	" 271B "		10,604	N $\frac{1}{2}$ 607A
"	227-229/280 -		10,596	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 606

IVc	229/288	-	10,569	N $\frac{1}{2}$ 591
"	" "	-	10,574	N $\frac{1}{2}$ 592
"	" "	-	10,588	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 593
"	" "	-	10,586	N $\frac{1}{2}$ 594

IVc	229 /286-288	-	10,592	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 584
"	" " "	-	10,593	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 584A
"	229 /286	-	10,589	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 586
"	229 /284-286	-	10,618	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 587
"	229 /284	-	10,572	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 588
"	227-229/286	-	10579	S $\frac{1}{2}$ 589

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Area	Unit(s)	Layer	Lot #	Feature
IVC	S227-229/286	-	10,582	5½ 589A
IVC	S229/284	-	10,570	5½ 595
"	S227-229/284	-	10,573	5½ 596
" "	" -	-	10,583	5½ 596A
IVC	S229/282-284	-	10,577	5½ 597 597A
" "	" -	-	10,578	5½ 597A
" "	" -	-	10,580	N½ 597B
" "	" -	-	10,587	W½ 597C
IVC	S229/E 282	-	10,571	E½ 598

Introduction

The salvage efforts in the area encompassing the units listed above began in late October with the hurry-up excavation of units S227/E 276-278.

These units were excavated to determine whether or not the series of aligned pit features located immediately south of the cellar hole continued west. A large stain was exposed and upon investigation was found to be composed of three pit features, two of which (#s 533, 534) appeared to cut into one another. The latter

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were tested while the remaining feature, F.341, was began but subsequently terminated.

A fourth feature located within the two 2x2s extended south into the wall of the unit. After the area was stripped with the backhoe this feature was more closely examined. The stripping exposed in addition more than a dozen other features. An approximately 50 centimeter -balk located between S.227 and S227.5 was left in place so that a record of the strata removed by mechanical means could be recorded. The profile of the balk was drawn and the balk removed. Afterward 2x2 meter units were strung and features within the units drawn. The units chosen for testing were: S227/E282, 284, 286, 288. In addition two features, #5606, 607, extended into previously excavated units (S225/E 278, 280) and are included in the present discussion. With the exception of Fs. 533 and 534 all features were excavated between 11/23 and 12/3/87. Weather conditions during this period were very poor which made excavation and record keeping difficult.

Summary of Features Excavated During Salvage Operation

11/23 to 12/3/87

Area IV C

F. #	Unit(s)	Dimensions	ctr. pt.,	Depth	Desc. / Attributes
589	227-229 286	N-S 80x E-W 92	227.19 285.6	M. asl 56.34	ovoid pit with well defined mold. Mold indicates post of c. 6 to 8 in. dia. Pit has 1 vert. wall / stepped wall, flatish bottom
596	227-229 284	60x 90	227 282.45	56.24	ovoid pit with 1 vertical wall, 1 stepped wall, flatish bottom. Mold well formed indicated former post c. 6-8 inches in dia.
606	227-229 278	70x65	226.9 279.5		ovoid pit with vertical walls, flat bottom. Mold well defined indicated former post c. 6 in. in dia.
607	227-229 298	60x60	227 274.7		circular pit with vertical walls and flat bottom. Well defined mold indicated former mold of c. 6" diameter.
592	229 288	42x 57	227.28 287.10	56.42	ovoid pit, shallow with vertical walls and irregular bottom. Possible mold of c. 4 in. diameter.
587	229 284-286	46x 60	227.56 284.15	56.43	rectangular pit with a distinctly angular (squarish) post mold. Pit walls slope slightly and bottom is uneven. Mold indicated former post of c. 6" dia.

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Area IV C

F. #	Unit(s)	Dimensions	Ctr. Pnt.	Depth	Desc. / Attributes
584	229 286-288	63x70	228.39 285.84	56.63 avg.	Irregular shaped pit with a basin shaped profile and an irregular, uneven bottom. Exhibited stains that may have been former posts.
588	229 286	26x28	227.24 284.89	-	circular stain, basin shaped (in profile) shallow, no mold, no artifacts
591	229 286	40x60	227.30 286.45	56.67	Shallow irregular depression, basin shaped no mold, sparse domestic refuse incl. cream-ware
594	229-231 288-290	55x46	228.76 287.56	56.68	Shallow ovoid pit, no mold no artifacts, basin shaped
595	229 284	28x34	227.25 283.70	56.60	Shallow basin shaped depression
593	229 288-290	21x182	-	-	Shallow trench like feature, Not a plow scar,
597	229 282-284	111x112	-	-	large irregular stain may be tree burn.
598	229 282	20x20	-	-	small, shallow stain no mold, no artifacts

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Feature Summary Observations

Features 589, 596, 606, and 607 are post hole-post mold features that straddle the S227 grid line. There is some variation in the size of the post holes and molds but their very close alignment (within 20 cms of a precise E/W line) strongly suggests that the four features are associated. East to west the post describe a line of approximately 30 feet. The west end of this alignment ends at the passageway and the east end apparently terminates at F 589. The spacing between the features varies between 9.1 and 10.2 ft.

Three other features had clearly discernible molds (#5534, 589, 592). One of these, F.592, contained two artifacts representing personal items: a yellow glass bead and a half of a buckle. Feature 534 may be associated with the series of aligned pit features located immediately south of the cellar. Feature 534 was cut by another pit feature F533 which did not have a post mold. The profile of the two features indicates that F534 is the older of the two; a conclusion perhaps supported

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also by the presence of delft in F534 and creamware in F533.

Feature 593 was a long (c. 1.8 m), narrow (c. 20 cm) feature oriented E/W. This feature did not appear to be a plow scar. It was filled with the pebbly mottled sandy matrix that overlaid the general area stripped by the backhoe. This is an indication that the feature was an "open space" when the overlaying fill layers were dumped.

The remaining features were mostly shallow basin shaped depressions. The fill sediments contained artifacts of a general domestic character including: ceramics, pipe bowl and stem fragments, bottle glass, bones, and teeth. F591 contained creamware. The remaining ceramic artifacts were not identified in the field. Some of the features also contained materials from either the construction or the destruction of some structure. These materials include: brick, nails, charcoal, and fire stained sediments. Tested portions of Features 588, 594, 598, and 597A, B, and C contained no artifacts.

With the exception of the clear alignment of Fs. 589, 596, 606, and 607, no alignment

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of features are evident. When the plan maps from the salvage operation are added to the Area IV (A,B,C) plan site map perhaps meaningful alignments of features will be discernible.

Interpretations

The aligned post features 589, 596, 606, 607 describe ^{an} approximately 30 ft. section of fence. It may be that the brick footing across the passageway is a continuation of the fence line. Both the brick footing and the post holes straddle the S227 grid line. The passageway intersects this line. The chronological relationship between the fence and the passageway is unclear.

Ceramics recovered from the post holes were not identified in the field and the brick footing was exposed but not further tested (it not removed). It is interesting that the cobble roadway overlay the brick footing, also, the Manor apparently interrupts the line of the footing. These things may indicate that the fence

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predates The manor - certainly the cobble road, which may be a (much) later addition to the ground plan - and may be contemporaneous with the cellar/passage way. There was no evidence of a post hole in the passage way fill and the east terminus of the brick work looked like a "finished" end and not a broken line. It is quite possible that the combined brick and post sections of the fence are aspects of the ground plan of the cellar house (i.e. the structure that encompassed F.6). However, the brick pad - which is believed to have had a picket fence atop it - is somewhat out of character with the earthfast structure F6 represents (as possibly evinced by the small amount of brick used in the cellar and the structure). My personal opinion is that the fence line represents a modification to the domestic grounds that dates to the time in which the cellar structure was in use as a storage facility. At such a time the orientation of domestic activities had shifted to the "great house" and F.6 and Area VI A would likely have been outlier relative to the "great house". The "great house", mentioned in the 1727 inventory,

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may have been the Manor in Area I. In any case, the great house was west of F.6. The brick/picket fence ends at the west end of the passageway and a more rustic post fence begins on the east side of passageway.

This transition in the character of the fence suggests that the cellar house was on the edge of the principal domestic use area -

The "great house", kitchen, kitchen garden, etc - The structures necessary for everyday life were west (and likely north) of the cellar and to the east the work buildings associated with the operation of the farm.

While this is perhaps the sheerest speculation based upon an alignment of two types of fencing but may help explain the changing function of F.6, the change in domestic orientation that took place as a result of the move from F.6, the change in the informal domestic ground plan and the separation of use areas *

see continuation

The other features listed here are thought to represent a variety of activities. Some, Fs. 584, 588, 591, 594, 595, for example

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This interpretation is based on the notion that fences and/or hedges were used as markers of cultural boundaries, i.e., that as boundary markers and physical barriers, fences, ditches, hedges, and possibly paths and walkways, were used to divide up space. The areas thus divided, if they can be "read," could provide insight into the way in which the proprietor viewed the landscape and the organization of activities. In the specific case it may be speculated (and this speculation can in turn be stated as a set of prediction, which then can be expressed as hypotheses) that domestic space should be impounded or encompassed by a variety of barrier that is more formal, and perhaps less "robust" than farm, field, animal or light industrial, space.

This approach, while only hastily sketched and not fully thought out, is one way in which the problems at the scale of landscape, may be addressed.

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may represent planting scars. They are typically shallow, basin shaped, depressions filled with dark stained loamy sediments. The fill within these features indicates that they were not open spaces at the time the fill - which "seals-off" the area - was deposited.

Feature 593, a long linear trench, however, was filled with the dumped material and thus represented an "open" space.

Features 533 and 534 appear to be associated with the series of large pit features immediately south of the cellar pit. Together these pit features may represent construction period bracing or scaffolding. They are not of a character to suggest weight bearing construction posts. (Compare for example Features 211, 368 and others).

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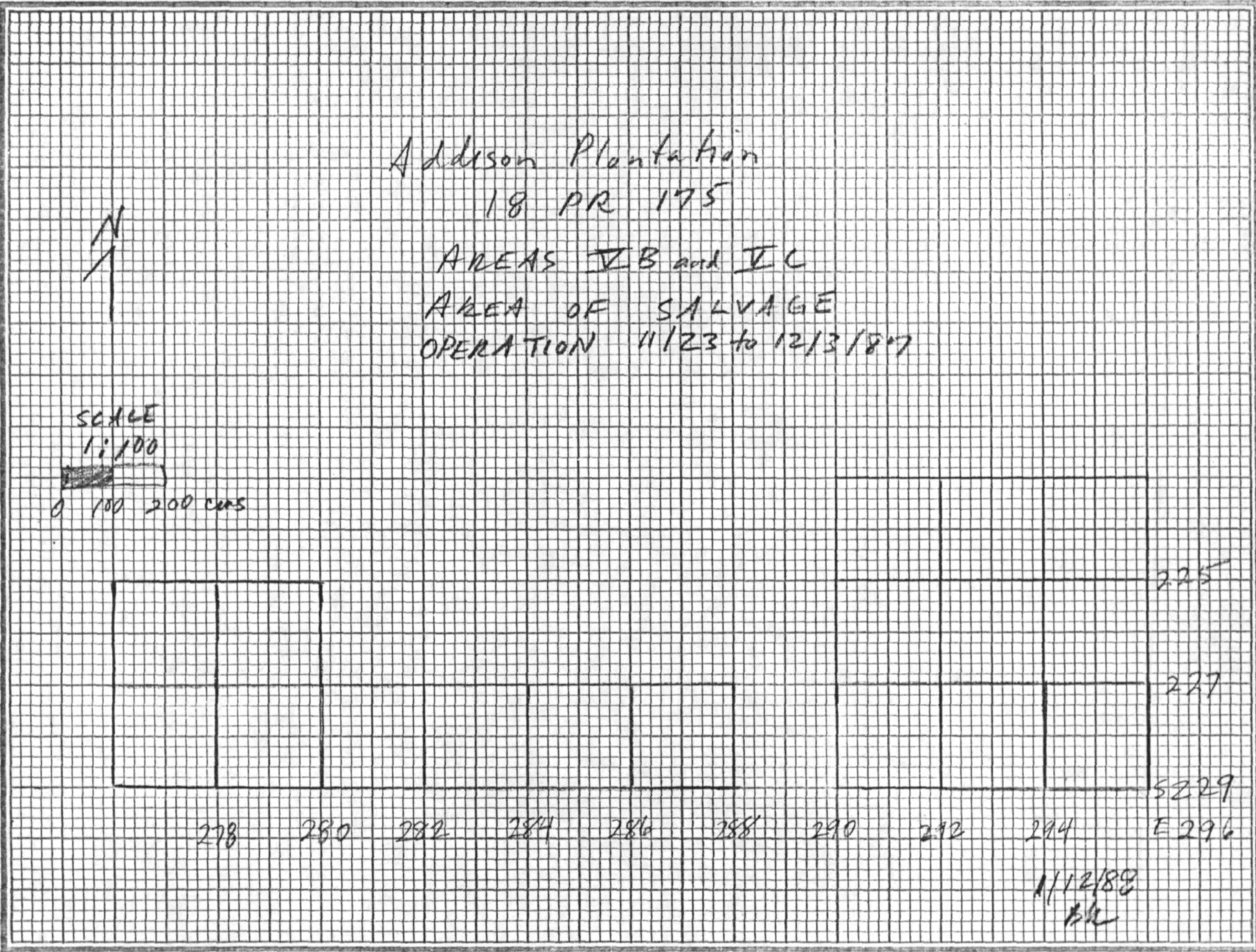
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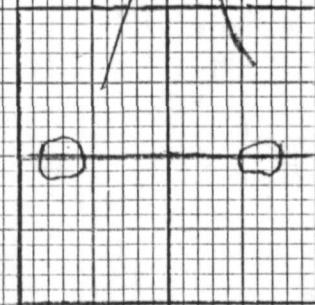


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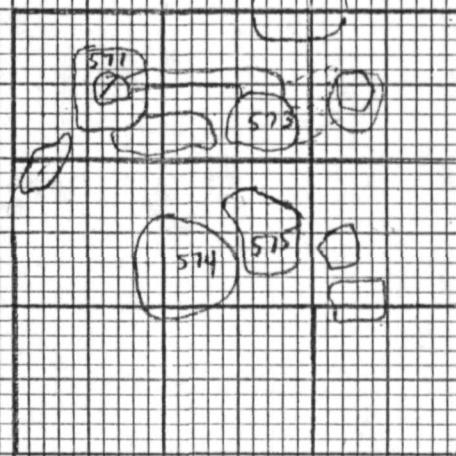
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